

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in this application. In the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2007 and Advisory Action mailed October 1, 2007, claims 20-55 were allowed, and claims 4, 5, 8 and 10-18 were objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Advisory Action indicated that the amendments to claims 30 and 54 would be entered for purposes of appeal. Since this response is believed to place the application in condition for allowance and an appeal will not be filed, claims 30 and 54 have been amended in this response in the same manner as the amendment filed on September 13, 2007, to ensure that the amendments to these claims are entered. Specifically, claim 30 has been amended to increase the indentation of line 5 thereof to maintain consistency in form with the remaining portion of the claim. Claim 54 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claims 2, 3 and 4. Claim 1 is believed allowable as indicated by the Final Office Action and Advisory Action. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 1 in view of the cancellation of claim 4. Allowance of claim 1 and claims 5-7 and 19 depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claims 1, 6 and 7 and is believed allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action and Advisory Action. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 8 rather than claim 6. Allowance of claim 8 and claim 9 depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 1 and is believed allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action. Allowance of claim 10 and claims 11-14 depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 1 and is believed allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action. Allowance of claim 15 and claim 16 depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 1 and is believed allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action. Allowance of claim 17 and claim 18 depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

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Applicant's also would like to make the examiner aware of the August 2, 2007, non-final Office Action issued in co-pending application ser. no. 11/112,586 and its citation of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0225295 to Zubok et al., which publication is of record in the present application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application including claims 1 and 5-55 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the present application.

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